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SUBJECT: FREEZE ON GOVT. JOBS LIFTED

1. GOM HAS LIFTED FREEZE IMPOSED LAST AUGUST ON JOBS IN PUBLIC SERVICES, STATUTORY BODIES, AND PUBLIC CORPORATIONS. REASONS GIVEN FOR DECISION ARE (A) THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN (TMP) 1976-80, TO BE LAUNCHED IN JULY, REQUIRES ADDITIONAL MANPOWER TO IMPLEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND (B) ECONOMY HAS BEEN RECOVERING FROM RECESSION.

2. COMMENT. EMBASSY VIEWS THIS AS ANOTHER MOVE BY PM HUSSEIN TO HAVE GOVT. MECHANISMS IN PLACE TO LAUNCH TMP IN SECOND HALF OF 1976. DURING RECENT WEEKS PRIME MINISTER HAS ALSO MET WITH STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS AND TOLD THEM TO "PULL UP THEIR SOCKS" ON DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, AND WITH MENTRIS BESAR AND CHIEF MINISTERS OF THE STATES TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF TMP. (K.L. 2427). THESE MOVES ALL RELATED TO LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR TMP WHICH PM LINKS DIRECTLY TO PROBLEM OF INTERNAL SECURITY. UNDERHILL

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